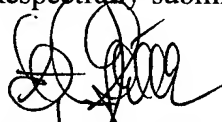


Remarks

The language of claim 1 has been revised to more particularly define Applicants' pop-up fastener in view of Ader (U.S. Patent No. 5,743,670). The called-for separation of the compressed spring from the protrusion is clearly described in the Applicants' specification and drawings and permits the protrusion to be urged toward the retainer without binding. Neither Ader nor any of the documents of record, whether considered alone or in combination, appear to suggest the pop-up fastener of claim 1. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that this application, with amended claim 1, claim 2 dependent upon claim 1, and claims 3-10 previously indicated to contain allowable subject matter, is in condition to be passed to issue. If such is not determined to be the case, however, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney at the number given below in an effort to satisfactorily conclude the prosecution of this application.

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